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I realize that the substance of the President's message in the attached memorandum on "Authority and Responsibility of United States Ambassadors" has been sent to our field stations, but I believe that it is important that they—and Headquarters personnel who may serve abroad or who are responsible for those who do serve abroad—are aware that the message applies to all other Government departments and agencies too. That is the key to the attached memorandum, and I would appre date this memorandum being sent to the field and other appropriate addressees here with a brief note emphasizing that point.



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 16, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

Authority and Responsibility of SUBJECT: United States Ambassadors

I have sent letters of instruction to each of my ambassadors outlining their authority and responsibility as Chiefs of American Diplomatic Missions. I expect your support and cooperation in insuring that relations between your department/ agency and Chiefs of Mission are conducted in accordance with Public Law 93-475 (22 U.S.C. 2680a). Please circulate this memorandum to your appropriate staff in Washington and abroad.

- "Under the direction of the President --P.L. 93-475 states:
 - (1) the United States Ambassador to a foreign country shall have full responsibility for the direction, co-ordination, and supervision of all United States Government officers and employees in that country, except for personnel under the command of a United States area military commander;
 - (2) the Ambassador shall keep himself fully and currently informed with respect to all activities and operations of the United States Government within that country, and shall insure that all Government officers and employees in that country, except for personnel under the command of a United States area military commander, comply fully with his directives; and
 - any department or agency having officers or employees in a country shall keep the United States Ambassador to that country fully and currently informed with respect to all activities and operations of its officers and employees in that country, and shall insure that all of its officers and employees, except for personnel under the command of a United States area military commander, comply fully with all applicable directives of the Ambassador."

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